AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A game system comprising:

a plurality of game machines; and

a server in communication with said game machines,

each of said game machines capable of playing different kinds of games from each other,

one of said game machines each and said server comprises a converting device for

converting play-information indicating the contents of user's playing in each game on each of said

game machines into points in accordance with the contents of the play-information, the points

having a trading value unified though the games.

each of said game machines comprising a first sending device for sending sending-

information including[[:]] identification-information to identify a user and the points when said

converting device is mounted on each of said game machines, or including the identification-

information and the play-information when said converting device is mounted on said server,

said server comprising:

a point storage device for storing the identification information and the points converted by

the converting device and the identification-information associating with the points so as to be

corresponded with each other; and corresponding identification-information with the points,

the points are given in accordance with contents of a user's playing in each game on each of said game machines and have a trading value unified thorough the games;

a trading sending device for trading the points stored in the point storage device for any one of a plurality of unique datas, each of which is used uniquely in any one of the games; and

a second sending device for sending the traded unique data to said game machine operated by the user associated with the traded points.

wherein one of said game machines each and said server comprises a converting device for converting play information indicating the contents of user's playing in each-game on each of said game machines into the points.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Original) The game system according to claim 1, wherein said server comprises:

a data storage device for storing user available data that the identification-information and at least one of the plurality of unique datas available to the user are associated with each other; and

a storage control device for, when said server receives a trading request to trade any one of the plurality of unique datas together with the identification-information, updating the points, corresponding to the received identification-information in said point storage device, to a value obtained by subtracting points corresponding to the unique data to be traded, and Application No. 10/660472 Docket No.: 09867/0200009-US0

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said trading device allows the unique data to be traded to be reflected in the user available

data corresponding to the received identification-information in said data storage device.

4. (Original) The game system according to claim 3, wherein said point storage device further

stores authentication information for verifying the user in association with the identification-

information and the points; and

said trading device and said storage control device update the points stored in said point

storage device and the user available data stored in said data storage device according to the trading

request, in the case where the user is authenticated as a proper user based on the authentication

information.

5. (Original) The game system according to claim 3,

wherein, when any one of designating informations each of which designates any one of the

plurality of unique datas and the identification-information are sent in association with each other

from said game machine to said server, when the user available data that the unique data designated

by the sent designating information is associated with the sent identification-information is stored in

said data storage device, said second sending device sends the designated unique data to said game

machine.

6. (Original) The game system according to claim 5, wherein said data storage device comprises:

a first storage device for storing the plurality of unique datas and the designating

informations each of which designates each of the plurality of unique datas so to be associated with

each other; and

a second storage device for storing the designating informations, each of which designates

the unique data available to the user among the designating informations stored in said first storage

device, and the identification-information so as to be associated with each other; and

when said server receives the identification-information from said game machine, said

second sending device reads the designating informations stored in association with the received

identification-information from said second storage device and sends the read designating

informations to said game machine, and, when said server receives a designating information

selected among the sent designating informations from said game machine, said second sending

device reads the unique data stored in association with the received designating information from

said first storage device and sends the read unique data to said game machine.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Original) The game system according to claim 3,

wherein the identification-information is an individual identification-information to identify the user for each kind of the games,

said data storage device comprises an individual storage device controlled for each kind of the games, and said individual storage device stores individual available data that the individual identification-information and at least one of the plurality of unique datas available to the user are associated with each other, and

when said server receives a common identification-information issuing request including common identification-information to link the individual identification-informations corresponding to a same user and the individual identification-informations to be linked, said storage control device stores the received common identification-information and the received individual identification-informations so as to be associated with each other in said point storage device.

10. (Original) The game system according to claim 9,

wherein said game machine comprises a readout device for reading out the individual identification-information from an information storage medium storing any one of the individual identification-informations, and said first sending device sends the individual identification-information read out by said readout device to said server.

11. (Currently Amended) A server for communicating with a plurality of game machines capable of playing different kinds of games from each other, comprising:

a converting device for converting play-information indicating the contents of user's playing in each game on each of said game machines to points in accordance with the contents of the play-information, the points having a trading value unified though the games

a point storage device for storing identification-information for identifying a user and the points converted by the converting device so as to be corresponded with each other, the points being given in accordance with contents of user's playing in each game on each of said game machines and having a trading value unified through the games;

a trading device-for trading the points for any one of a plurality of unique datas, each of which is used uniquely in any one of the games;

a storage control device which, upon reception of the identification-information and the play-information from said game machine, allows the converted points to be reflected in the points storage device in association with the received identification-information;

a sending device for sending the traded unique data to said game machines;

a trading device for trading the points stored in the point storage device for any one of a plurality of unique datas, each of which is used uniquely in any one of the games; and

a sending device for sending the traded unique data to said game machines <u>operated by the user associated with the traded points.</u>

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a converting device for converting play information indicating the contents of user's playing

in each game on each of said game machines to the points; and

a storage control device which, upon reception of the identification-information and the

play information from said game machine, allows the converted points to be reflected in the points

stored in the point storage device in association with the received identification information.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) The server according to claim 11, comprising:

a data storage device for storing user available data that identification-information and at

least one of the plurality of the unique datas available to the user are associated with each other; and

said storage control device which, upon reception of a trading request to trade any one of the

plurality of unique datas together with the identification-information, updates the points,

corresponding to the received identification-information in said point storage device, to a value

obtained by subtracting points corresponding to the unique data to be traded, and

said trading device allows the unique data to be traded to be reflected in the user available

data corresponding to the received identification-information in said data storage device.

14. (Original) The server according to claim 13, wherein when any one of designating

informations each of which designates any one of the plurality of unique datas and the

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identification-information are sent in association with each other from said game machine to said

server, in the case where the user available data that the unique data designated by the sent

designating information is associated with the sent identification-information is stored in said data

storage device, said sending device sends the designated unique data to said game machine.

15. (Original) The server according to claim 14,

wherein said data storage device comprises:

a first storage device for storing the plurality of unique datas and the designating

informations each of which designates each of the plurality of unique datas so as to be associated

with each other, and a second storage device for storing the designating informations, each of which

designates the unique data available to the user among the designating informations stored in said

first storage device, and the identification-information so as to be associated with each other, and

upon reception of the identification-information from said game machine, said sending

device reads the designating informations stored in association with the received identification-

information from said second storage device and sends the read designating informations to said

game machine, and, upon reception of a designating information selected among the sent

designating informations from said game machine, said sending device reads the unique data stored

in association with the received designating information from said first storage device and sends the

read unique data to said game machine.

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16. (Cancelled)

17. (cancelled)

18. (Previously Presented) The server according to claim 13,

wherein the identification-information is an individual identification-information to identify

the user for each kind of the games,

said data storage device comprises an individual storage device controlled for each kind of

the games, and said individual storage device stores individual available data that the individual

identification-information and at least one of the plurality of unique datas available to the user are

associated with each other, and

when said server receives a common identification-information issuing request including

common identification-information to link the individual identification-informations corresponding

to a same user and the individual identification-informations to be linked, said storage control

device stores the received common identification-information and the received individual

identification-informations so as to be associated with each other in said point storage device.

19. (Original) A register terminal being connected via a communication network with a server

controlling an individual identification-information for identifying a user and data available to the

user in association with each other for each kind of games, and controlling common identification-

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information for linking the individual identification-informations corresponding to a same user and

points given in accordance with contents of user's playing and having a trading value unified

through the games in association with each other,

said register terminal comprising:

a readout device for reading out the individual identification-information from an

information storage medium storing any one of the individual identification-informations;

an input device for inputting the common identification-information; and

a sending device for sending the common identification-information input by said input

device and the read out individual identification-information to said server.

20. (Original) A method for a game system including a plurality of games and a user,

comprising:

converting play-information indicating the contents of the user playing one of the plurality

of games into points;

awarding points to the user for playing at least one of the plurality of games;

storing said points with corresponding identification-information used to identify the user;

setting a trading value for said points which is unified throughout the plurality of games; and

trading said points for any one of a plurality of unique datas, each of said unique datas is

used uniquely in any one of the plurality of games.